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	West Bangal
97	KOOCH BEHAR
98	JALPAIGURI
99	MALDAH
100	DARJEELING

Wasteland Development projects submitted by Andhara Pradesh

2553. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA EDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The details of the Wasteland Development Projects submitted by Andhra Pradesh Government during the last three years, project-wise and year-wise;

(b) the projects sanctioned by Union Government during the period; project-wise and year-wise; and

(c) whether Union Government have released the funds for the projects, if so, the details and if not, when the fund is expected to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) The Department of Land Resources is implementing three programmes, namely Integrated Wastelands Development (IWDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) for development/treatment of wastelands/degraded lands under the Guidelines for Watershed Development. The projects proposals under DPAP/DDP are not invited from the State Governments but are sanctioned by the Department of Land Resources in the identified Development Blocks while projects under IWDP are generally sanctioned in non DPAP/DDP Blocks after prioritising in consultation with the State Governments.

Seven, Ten and Ten proejct proposals were submitted under IWDP by the Government of Andhra Pradesh during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 respectively.

(b) New projects are generally sanctioned in a year keeping in view the funds available for the Programme, after meeting the liability for the ongoing projects, progress made in ongoing, projects, spread of treatable wastelands in the States, implementation capacity etc. and conformity of projects proposals with the Guidelines for Watershed Development. The number of projects sanctioned to Andhra Pradesh State under IWDP, DPAP and DDP during the last three years are given as under:—

(Number of Projects)

Year	IWDP*	DPAP"	DDP"
1998-99	06	700	100
1999-2000	04	587	96
2000-01	07	314	60
TOTAL	17	1601	256

* The area under IWDP projects range from 12000 hectares to 12500 hectares.

** Each DPAP/DDP project generally covers an area of 500 hectares.

(c) The details of funds released to Andhra Pradesh for on-going and new projects under IWDP, DPAP and DDP during the last three years (1998-99 to 2000-01) are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	IWDP	DPAP	DDP
1998-99	9.81	22.91	4.83
1999-2000	9.49	26.71	4.37
2000-01	20.08	47.60	6.52
TOTAL	39.38	97.22	15.72